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SUBJECT: IRANIAN VIEWS OF PAKISTAN

1. SHAH OF IRAN SEEMS TO BE (A) MIFFED AT WHAT HE SEES AS GOP'S RELIANCE ON SAUDIS AND CONCOMITANT PARTIAL EXCLUSION OF IRAN FROM SPECIAL POSITION IN PAKISTAN, AND (B) CONTEMPTUOUS OF ABILITY OF PNA PARTY TO FORM A STABLE GOVERNMENT.

2. REPORTS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS STRONGLY INDICATE THAT SHAH HAS OFFERED HIS SUPPORT TO BHUTTO IN FTECTION PROCESS HERE, ALLEGEDLY AUTHORIZING BHUTTO TO STATE PUBLICLY THAT HE IS IRAN'S CHOICE. WE SERIOUSLY DOUBT PUBLIC OR PRIVATE IRANIAN EFFORTS TO SWING PAKISTAN'S ELECTORATE CAN BE OTHER THAN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. MOREOVER, MONEY, WHICH SHAH MAY HAVE PROMISED BHUTTO FOR ELECTION USES, IS NOT LIKELY TO BE DECISIVE OR EVEN SIGNIFICANT IN BOLSTERING PPP PARTY PROSPECTS.

3. WE ALSO LEARN OF SHAH'S CONCERNS ABOUT STABILITY AND/OR ANTI-BHUTTO TILT IN BALUCHISTAN, AND SHAH'S DESIRE TO INFLUENCE POLITICAL EVENTS THERE. WE ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION

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HERE THAT BEARS ON BALUCHI SITUATION, ALTHOUGH OUR INITIAL ASSESSMENT INDICATES THE SHAH'S CONCERNS ABOUT SECURITY THERE ARE OVERDRAWN. WE WOULD WELCOME VIEWS OF KABUL AND TEHRAN.

4. AMB SULLIVAN WILL BE BEST JUDGE OF WHETHER THERE IS ANY USE (I THINK PROBABLY NONE) IN TRYING TO DISSUADE SHAH FROM FARCICAL FARSI FINAGLING.

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